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FOLLOWING SENT SECSTATE WASHDC INFO BANGKOK BUDAPEST CANBERRA
JAKARTA KUALA LUMPUR LONDON MANILA MOSCOW NEW DELHI OTTAWA
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WELLINGTON HONG KONG COMUSSAG NAKHON PHANOM THAILAND CINCPAC
FROM PHNOM PENH 06 JUL 73:

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SUBJ: GKR DECLARATION ON PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

1. FOLLOWING IS THE EMBASSY'S INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF
A DECLARATION IN FRENCH READ BEFORE DIPLOMATIC AND PRESS
REPRESENTATIVES BY FOREIGN MINISTER LONG BORET AT 1600
HOURS LOCAL THIS AFTERNOON.

BEGIN TEXT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC WELCOMED
WITH SATISFACTION THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CONCLUSION OF
THE AGREEMENT SIGNED AT PARIS ON JANUARY 27, 1973 ON THE
CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES IN VIETNAM, HOPING THAT THIS
AGREEMENT WOULD REESTABLISH PEACE NOT ONLY IN VIETNAM BUT
ALSO IN THE KHMERREPUBLIC AND LAOS.

IN EFFECT, ARTICLE 20 OF THIS ACCORD PROVIDES THAT
"THE PARTIES PARTICIPATING IN THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON
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VIETNAM SHALL STRICTLY RESPECT THE 1954 GENEVA AGREEMENTS

ON CAMBODIA AND THE 1962 GENEVA AGREEMENTS ON LAOS"; THAT FOREIGN TROOPS AND THEIR WAR MATERIAL SHALL BE TOTALLY WITHDRAWN FROM THESE TWO COUNTRIES; THAT "THE INTERNAL AFFAIR OF CAMBODIA AND LAOS SHALL BE SETTLED BY THE PEOPLE OF EACH OF THESE COUNTRIES WITHOUT FOREIGN INTERFERENCE."

IN ORDER TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE REESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE IN THE INDOCHINESE PENINSULA AND TO FACILITATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIETNAM, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC UNILATERALLY SUSPENDED AS OF JANUARY 29, 1973 ALL OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS OF ITS ARMED FORCES. IT IN ADDITION SOLEMNLY CONFIRMED ITS ACCEPTANCE THAT KHMER AFFAIRS CONTINUE TO BE GOVERNED BY THE 1954 GENEVA ACCORDS AND HAS MADE CONSTANT EFFORTS TO OBTAIN THE REACTIVATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SUPERVISION AND CONTRL. IN CONFORMITY WITH PARAGRAPH B OF ARTICLE 20 OF THE PARIS ACCORD, THE KHMER GOVERNMENT HAS CALLED FOR AND CONINUES TO CALL FOR THE DEPARTURE OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS FROM ITS TERRITORY.

THE EVENTS WHICH HAVE OCCURED SINCE THAT DATE INDICATE THAT THE GOOD WILL OF THE KHMER GOVERNMENT HAS NOT BEEN RECOGNIZED UP TO THE PRESENT TIME AND HAS NOT PRODUCED THE EXPECTED RESULTS. NORTH VIETNAM AND THE VIET CONG HAVE DONE NOTHING WITH RESPECT TO WITHDRAWING THEIR TROOPS FROM KHMER TERRITORY BUT HAVE EVEN INTRODUCED NEW TROOPS. WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THESE REINFORCEMENTS THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AND VIETN CONG FORCES HAVE MULTIPLIED THEIR ATTACHES AGAINST THE KHMER ARMED FORCES AND CIVIL POPULATION.

ON JUNE 13, 1973, AFTER A NEW SERIES OF NEGOTIATIONS, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE VIETNAMESE PARTIES PUBLISHED IN PARIS A JOINT COMMUNIQUE AFFIRMING INTER ALIA THAT "ARTICLE 20 OF THE CEASE-FIRE ACCORD CONCERNING CAMBODIA AND LAOS SHOULD BE SCRUPULOUSLY APPLIED."

DESPITE THIS SOLEMN ENGAGEMENT, THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND THE VIET CONG PERSIST IN NOT WITHDRAWING THEIR TROOPS FROM KHMER TERRITORY AND CONTINUE TO SOW DEATH AND DESTRUCTION ON A VAST SCALE.

FACED WITH THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS, THE HIGH POLITICAL COUNCIL AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC, MOTIVATED BY A SINCERE DESIRE TO SEE PEACE RAPIDLY REESTABLISHED ON THEIR TERRITORY, PROCLAIM AS FOLLOWS:
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- (1) THEY URGENTLY CALL FOR A STRICT AND IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION BY ALL PARTIES OF ARTICLE 20 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT OF JANUARY 27, 1973;
- (2) IN CONFORMITY WITH PARAGRAPH B OF THIS ARTICLE THEY INSIST ON THE OVERRIDING NECESSITY OF AN IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL FROM KHMER TERRITORY OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES AS WELL AS THEIR ARMAMENTS AND MUNITIONS SO AS TO PERMIT THE KHMER PEOPLE TO SETTLE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS WITHOUT FOREIGN

INTERFERENCE AND WITHOUT ANY EXTERNAL PRESSURE.

(3) THEY REPEAT THEIR REQUEST TO REACTIVATE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SUPERVISION AND CONTROL LEADING TO THE STATIONING IN THE COUNTRY OF TEAMS FROM THIS ORGANIZATION TO SUPERVISE THE EFFECTIVE APPLICATION OF ARTICLE 20 OF THE PARIS ACCORD.

THE HIGH POLITICAL COUNCIL AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC WILL PURSUE THEIR DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS WITH THE GENEVA CO-CHAIRMEN (THE USSR AND GREAT BRITAIN) AND THE GOVERNMENTS OF MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SUPERVISION AND CONTROL (INDIA, CANADA AND POLAND) IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE REACTION OF THIS ORGANIZATION WITH THE LEAST DELAY.

TO THIS END, THEY SOLEMNLY PLEDGE THAT THEY ARE READY TO RECEIVE TEAMS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SUPERVISION AND CONTROL ON THEIR TERRITORY AND TO ACCORD THEM ALL NECESSARY FACILITIES FOR THE EFFECTIVE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THEIR TASK.

(4) IN CONFORMITY WITH THE SPIRIT OF THIS ARTICLE THEY CONCUR THAT AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE SHOULD OCCUR AMONG THE FORCES OF ALL THE PARTIES.

(5) IN CONFORMITY WITH PARAGRAPH C OF ARTICLE 20 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT THEY ARE PREPARED TO SEND THEIR DELEGATION TO ENGAGE IN TALKS WITH A DELEGATION OF KHMER OF THE OTHER SIDE, AT A PLACE TO BE MUTUALLY AGREED UPON, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACHIEVING A CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES AND NATIONAL RECONCILIATION.

(6) THE HIGH POLITICAL COUNCIL AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC MAKE AN URGENT APPEAL TO ALL COUNTRIES LOVING PEACE AND JUSTICE AND IN PARTICULAR TO THE SIGNATORY NATIONS OF THE FINAL ACT OF PARIS AND TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO ASSIST IN OBTAINING FROM ALL PARTIES CONCERNED STRICT APPLICATION
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OF ARTICLE 20 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT OF JANUARY 27, 1973. THEIR INTENTION IS PARTICULARLY DRAWN TO THE GRAVE CONSEQUENCES WHICH COULD RESULT IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND IN COUNTRIES NEIGHBORING THE KHMER REPUBLIC IN THE EVENT THE PARTIES CONCERNED PERSIST IN REFUSING TO WITHDRAW THEIR TROOPS FROM KHMER TERRITORY. SUCH A SITUATION WOULD PLACE IN JEOPARDY ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND THE FUTURE OF PEACE THROUGHOUT THE REGION. PHNOM PENH, JULY 6, 1973. END TEXT.

2. DURING THE QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD WHICH FOLLOWED HIS PRESENTATION OF THE TEXT FOREIGN MINISTER LONG BORET MADE THE FOLLOWING CLARIFYING STATEMENTS:
A. THE KHMER ARE PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE WITH WHATEVER REPRESENTATIVES ARE DESIGNATED BY THE OTHER SIDE. HE

NEITHER SPECIFICALLY AFFIRMED NOR EXCLUDED THE POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH SIHANOUK OR HIS REPRESENTATIVES. HE LEFT OPEN THE JUDGEMENT AS TO WHETHER SIHANOUK AND THE GRUNK IN FACT REPRESENT THE IN-COUNTRY INSURGENCY.

B. PRESSED FOR A STATEMENT AS TO THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS THE GKR ENVISAGES LONG BORET DISCLAIMED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WILL INSIST ON A FIXED CALANDAR. HE IMPLIED READINESS TO OBSERVE AN IMMEDIATE CEASE-FIRE, WHICH WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY THE WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN FORCES AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR TALKS WITH THE OTHER SIDE ON A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF THE INTERNAL CAMBODIAN QUESTION.

C. IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES AS TO THE GKR POSTURE FOLLOWING A POSSIBLE TERMINATION OF US COMBAT AIR SUPPORT ON AUGUST 15, LONG BORET STRESSED THAT THE GKR WILL CONTINUE TO USE THE MEANS AT ITS DISPOSAL FOR SELF-DEFENSE.

D. ASKED TO STATE THE MOST IMPORTANT NEW ELEMENT IN THE DECLARATION, HE COMMENTED THAT THE GKR HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY SPECIFICALLY OFFERED TO ENTER NEGOTIATIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OTHER SIDE FOR A CEASE-FIRE AND NATIONAL RECONCILIATION.

E. HE REFUSED TO BE DRAWN OUT CONCERNING SITES POSSIBLY FAVORED BY THE GKR FOR NEGOTIATIONS, ADHERING TO THE STATEMENT IN THE DECLARATION THAT THIS IS A MATTER FOR MUTUAL AGREEMENT. SWANK UNQUOTE ROGERS UNCLASSIFIED

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